

**CASS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
120 N. Broadway St – Conference Room  
February 10, 2022**

**9:00 a.m. – CALL MEETING TO ORDER** –Recording Secretary Dohm

**INVOCATION** – Commissioner R. Parrish

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Commissioner File

**ROLL CALL** –

Director Wyman – P	Annie File – P	Lyndon Parrish - P	Jaimie Stafne - P
Bruce Campbell – A	David Kring – P	Robert Parrish – P	Jeff VanBelle - P
Skip Dyes – P	Fritz Kucklick – P	Ryan Laylin - A	

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH ADDITION OF POSSIBLE MEETING TIME CHANGE**

**Motion:** Commissioner R. Parrish

**Second:** Commissioner L. Parrish

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –

**Motion:** Commissioner File

**Second:** Commissioner R. Parrish

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS** –

Blair Garceau, Birch Lake Homeowners Association

**PUBLIC COMMENT** –

1. None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** –

1. None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Director Wyman

1. Was presented.
  - a. Lots of trees down after the snowstorm. Great park visitation last week since there was snow on the tubing hill and for skiing.

**BUDGET** – Director Wyman

1. Doing okay, will find it within the budget to repair the plow truck.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Dark Sky
  - a. Positive introduction with the people of Notre Dame via Zoom. Plans to meet in person at the park when the weather is warmer.
  - b. Has had 2 successful livestreams from his home.
  - c. Has several bookings coming in for speaking engagements.
  - d. The star party has been set for June 3 & 4 at T.K. Lawless Park.
    - i. The dates are also set for Dark Sky Viewing at the same time, will have to talk about the entrance fee.
  - e. Commissioner R. Parrish brought up the possibility of having a U-Tube channel dedicated to the Dark Sky Park since there is no charge.
2. Grant Strategies
  - a. Director Wyman is in contact with SW Michigan Planning Commission, just waiting for the financial support information from county leadership.
2. Tentative improvements to Birch Lake boat launch should happen prior to Memorial Day.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. By-Laws
  - a. May have to re-approve at the next meeting.

**Motion: To change the meeting time of the Cass County Parks Commission to 4:00 p.m. the second Thursday of each month** made by Commissioner Stafne.

**Second:** Commissioner L. Parrish

Motion carried.

2. Airline Rail-Trail
  - a. Meeting with several entities including the Road Commission and Diamond Lake Association was February 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be a definitive plan within the year.
3. School Groups
  - a. Director Wyman asked the group if we should charge school groups for having outings at the parks, or leave it as it is. Most school groups give a donation. General consensus was to leave it as it is.
4. Crane Pond
  - a. Partnering with the DNR to plant 5 acres of wildflowers at Lawless.
  - b. Korie Blyveis of the Conservation District will be donating a large cutout of a bird with different sizes painted on it so that visitors can compare wing spans.

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Commissioner File - Should there be an adjustment in per diem amounts?

**Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner R. Parrish**

**Second: Commissioner L. Parrish**

**Meeting Adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Patty Dohm  
Recording Secretary

**Next regular meeting March 10, 2022**